

1-1 By: Lozano (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 268
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 27, 2017;
 1-3 April 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Criminal Justice; May 11, 2017, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to venue in the prosecution of certain criminal conduct
 1-20 involving obstruction or retaliation.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-23 amended by adding Article 13.37 to read as follows:

1-24 Art. 13.37. OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION. An offense under
 1-25 Section 36.06(a)(1), Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in
 1-26 which:

1-27 (1) the harm occurs; or

1-28 (2) the threat to do harm originated or was received.

1-29 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-30 to venue for the trial of an offense committed on or after the
 1-31 effective date of this Act. Venue for the trial of an offense
 1-32 committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the
 1-33 law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is
 1-34 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
 1-35 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
 1-36 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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